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METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF *STREPTOCOCCUS*
SOBRINUS AND ANTIBODY USED THEREFOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

A1

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP01/03502 filed April 24, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A2 Sub B4

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the immune complex is assayed by an immunochromatographic technique.